

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2674
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2001
DAMAGE TO INDIAN CONSULATE
SUKENDER REDDY GUTHA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Consulate in Zahidan province of Iran was ripped apart in a blast on June 14, 2001;
- (b) if so, the extent of loss of life and property as a result thereof;
- (c) whether an enquiry had been held into it by Iranian authorities; and
- (d) if so, the details of enquiry report and the steps taken to ensure safety of Consulate?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

- a) There was a blast outside the Indian Consulate in Zahidan on 14th June, 2001.
- b) There was no injury or loss of life. Window panes of the Consulate building were broken and the boundary wall developed some craters on account of the blast.
- c) Yes, the Iranian Authorities are enquiring into the matter.
- d) The enquiry is yet to be completed. The Iranian authorities have stepped up security around Indian diplomatic premises in Iran. In the Indian Consulate in Zahidan, electronic and physical measures for the security of the Consulate have been augmented.